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Submitted herewith is the following patent application:

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METHOD

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x at least one claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.75;

x Formal drawings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.81(a) [7 sheets] (Figs. 1-6).

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In view of the above, it is requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1).

A Declaration signed by the inventors and the filing fee will be submitted in due course. Please address all communications to:

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